Manufacture of communication equipment

1882. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd May 1984 and state whether some international parties of repute have approached the Government of India for the manufacture of communication equipment after Government's new policy on telecommunication ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : No international party has approached the Govrenment of India for the manufacture of communication equipment. However, the Government have selected three foreign collaborators for the transfer of technology for Electronic PABX equipment and three other foreign collaborators for Electronic push button telephone.

Preservation of Eco System of Thar Desert

1883. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'A park in the desert' which appeared in the 'National Herald', New Delhi of the 25th October, 1985;

(b) if so, what efforts are being made to protect and preserve the unique eco-system of Thar Desert with its own flora and fauna; and

(c) the assistance which the Centre propose to render for the development of the fascinating Desert National park ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For the conservation of the desert flora and fauna and restoration and preservation of the arid land eco system, the State Government of Rajasthan have constituted an area of 3162 Sq. Kms. in th Jaisalmer and Barmer Districts as a Sanctuary under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The intention to declare the area as a National park was notified in May, 1981 but the final notification is yet to be issued.

(c) During the Sixth Plan period an amount of Rs. 54.48 lakhs was provided under the Desert Development Programme for the Desert National Park. During 1985-86 an outlay of Rs. 7.91 lakhs is proposed for this purpose.

Air-water pollution in Kotah, Rajasthan by industries

1884. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether any integrated policy with effective device has been evolved for controlling air, water and noise pollution particularly in places where large industries have been set up ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines therof ; and

(c) the measures enforced in Kotah in Rajasthan where a large number of air-water polluting industries are located ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.